

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1-10 are pending in the application. In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 6), Applicant respectfully submits that the pending claims define patentable subject matter.

I. Preliminary Matters

The Abstract is objected to because of the use of legal phraseology. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the Abstract to improve clarity and address the Examiner's concerns. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection to the Abstract.

Claims 2 and 6 are objected to because of grammatical informalities noted by the Examiner. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended the claims to improve clarity. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to remove the objection to the claims.

II. Prior Art Rejections

Claims 1-3, 6, 7 and 9-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Bending et al. (WO 00/46697; hereafter "Bending"). Claims 4, 5 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bending. Applicant respectfully submits that the claimed invention would not have been anticipated by or rendered obvious in view of the cited reference.

Bending discloses a browser (130, 330) for use on a mobile telephone (100) is configured to include a facility (140, 566) operable, on user selection of a predetermined button (186) on a displayed web page, to cause establishment of a telephone connection between the mobile telephone and a third party appliance (224). A browser for use on a personal computer (300) is also provided with the same facility. In that case, the facility is operable to establish a telephone connection, which can be used by a user operating a telephone appliance (326) adjacent the personal computer and sharing the same telephone line. The facility (140, 566) can be embedded in a browser, included as a plug-in to an existing browser, or downloaded on-line as an applet when required.

The Examiner cites Bending for disclosing all of the features of the claimed invention including generating an overrule signal for overruling the browser function. In particular, the Examiner asserts that Bending “teaches that [a] user may override the browser function on unit 100 by invoking automatic call module 140 to disconnect unit 100 from local internet server 222 or to suspend the browsing function.” The Examiner further asserts that “the automatic call module 140 reads on the claimed generator in that some signaling/messaging inherently must be sent/recognized from the module 140 to instruct unit 100 / browser 130 to cease/suspend browsing operations.”

However, Applicant respectfully submits that it is quite clear that Bending does not teach or suggest generating an overrule signal for overruling the browser when the browser is block/hung-up, as required by amended independent claims 1, 6, 9 and 10. Instead, Bending simply discloses that the browser function can be suspended (by invoking the automatic call module) to establish a telephonic (voice) connection.

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Accordingly, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 6, 9 and 10, as well as dependent claims 2-5, 7 and 8, should be allowable because the cited reference does not teach or suggest all of the features of the claims.

III. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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